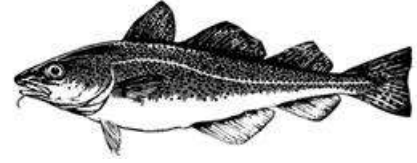


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KODIAK AREA PARALLEL PACIFIC COD B-SEASON OPENING FOR JIG GEAR

The Kodiak Area parallel Pacific cod B Season for jig gear will open at 12:00 noon Sunday, June 10, 2012 concurrent with the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod B Season for the jig gear sector.

Vessel operators must obtain a parallel groundfish registration from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participating in the parallel season. Vessel registrations can be obtained in person or by FAX at the ADF&G office in Kodiak. Vessel operators must have a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission mechanical jig or hand troll prior interim-use permit prior to registration. Fishermen are reminded lingcod may not be legally retained until July 1, 2012.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at 907-486-1840.